



Region VI Committee Meeting
June 9, 2007
NYC, NY

RACC Kathy Ostberg called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

1. Roll Call

RACC Elect	Jennifer Scannell
RPECC	Barbara Tiess
RJOCC	Larry Goldsmith
SACC CT	Robin Deary Fillmore
SACC MA	Michele Martin
SACC ME	Donna Landau
SACC NH	Haven Milton
SACC NY	Paul Spadaro
SACC RI	Kelli Doorley

Excused:

RTCC Pat Panichas

2. Regional Administrative Report

Newly elected Regional Administrative Chairman co-chaired the meeting. A financial statement was distributed detailing the income and expenses of 2006 – 2007. The Athlete Apparel account was also distributed. This fund is supported by the Rising Stars Clinic held in the fall. Additional funds are received through individual and club donations and volunteer efforts of officials at the Level 8 Regional Championships. NEGX – CT organized a ‘Month of Money’ fundraiser. This effort netted \$5310.00 for the Athlete Apparel Fund.

3. Regional Junior Olympic Report

Larry Goldsmith distributed unofficial notes from the JO/WTC Joint Committee Minutes [May2007] and reviewed them in detail. Larry also highlighted the JO activity from this past season and the accomplishments of our athletes at Easterns and JO Nationals.

4. Regional Technical Report

Pat Panichas was unable to attend due to a previous commitment.

5. Regional Pre-Elite Report

A summary of Elite / Pre-Elite / Hopes, and TOPs was presented by Barbara Tiess. The accomplishments of Region VI athletes at the respective levels were highlighted.

6. State Administrative Committee Report

SACC’s distributed copies of their annual state reports. Reports indicated activities held within the state during the season and goals for 2007 – 2008.

7. Financial Report

Kathy reviewed the SACC responsibilities with regards to Financial Reports. Reports are due quarterly and rebates will not be issued until report and documentation is received. Documentation includes check register and monthly bank statements.

The new financial reporting form, developed by John Hewett, is a work in progress. This form must be used for all quarterly reporting. Please notify the RACC and John Hewett of any problems [i.e. missing categories].

Kathy emphasized that the rebate income must be entered in the appropriate categories. The categories of Athlete; Professional Membership and Competition Fees should only reflect regional rebates from the RAC. No other income should be entered in these categories.

All SACC's are required to post the state Financial Report on the State Web Site or Newsletter. This report must reflect July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007. Using these dates will provide the membership with an accurate overview of the year's finances. SAC's must notify Jen when this task has been completed.

The second quarter report [4/1/07 – 6/30/07] is due July 15, 2007.

8. State Policies

The SAC's are to submit a hard copy of the State Rules & Policies. These policies will be reviewed by the RACC. State Policies must be in line with the National Policies.

9. Regional Championships

Level 9/10 Regional Championships were consistent with 2006. The Level 10 Competition was held over 1 ½ days [3 sessions]. The Level 9 competition was a total of 4 sessions.

The Level 10 National Qualifiers had a meeting, the day following their competition. The athletes met with the Chief Judges and received critiques relative to their Regional performances. The goal of this workshop was to assist the athletes w/ their preparation for JO Nationals. This effort was well received and was very beneficial to all. In addition to the critiques – athletes were sized for GK apparel; Regional apparel and completed the required paperwork for the National event.

The original date for Level 9/10 Regional Championships was April 18 – 20, 2008. This date is in direct conflict with Passover. Permission was granted to hold the meet the following weekend – April 25-27, 2008. The Level 9 sessions MUST take place first. The RAC [or designated Regional personnel] must submit the qualifiers immediately to Connie Maloney.

Level 8 Regional Championships

Discussion took place relative to the Level 8 Regional format. Participation from the smaller states is still a concern. Donna Landau was asked to investigate the date/s of the YMCA Regional Championships. After a lengthy discussion the committee agreed to continue using the same format.

- The SACC's from Maine; RI and Vermont will notify the RAC of any spots that will not be filled in the [8-12] age division. This information must be submitted after their state championships.
- These additional [8-12] spots will be awarded on a % of a % formula. These athletes will compete on the State Team Day in mixed squads.
- The All- Star entries will remain at 90.
- The State Team and All Star Team score will be determined by the top'4' scores on each event.
- The deadline for replacement entries is April 20, 2008 [one week after the last state championships].

10. Calendar 2007 – 2008

2007

Aug 3 – 5	Region 6 Congress – Newton, MA
Aug 15	State Chairman Workshop – San Jose, CA
Aug 16 – 18	VISA Championships – USA Gymnastics Congress
Sept 28 – 30	Rising Stars # 1 – Rochester, NY
Oct 5 - 7	National TOP Testing – Houston, TX
Oct 12 – 14	Rising Stars #2 – Wilbraham, MA
Dec 27 – 28	Working Together for Nationals – E. Greenwich, RI

2008

March 1	American Cup – NYC, NY
April 5 – 6	Level 9/10 State Meet – Various Sites
April 12 – 13	Last date for Level 8 State Meet
April 25 – 26	Level 9 /10 Regional Championships – TBD
May 3 – 4	Level 8 Regional Championships – Kingston, RI
May 9 -11	Level 9 Easterns – Dayton, OH
May 16 – 18	Level 10 JO Nationals – Kissimmee, FL
June 19 -22	US Olympic Team Trials- Gymnastics – Philadelphia, PA
August 14 – 17	Region 6 Congress – Burlington, MA
August 8 – 24	Olympic Games – Beijing, CHN

11. Region 6 Policies

The issue of Meet Entry Fees was discussed and the decision was made to increase local [pre-sectional] and Theme Meet entry fees for the 2007 – 2008 season. SACC's were reminded that the qualifying schedule is under the control of the State Administrative Committee. Competitions that do not adhere to the Regional policies may NOT be used for qualifying competitions.

Theme Meets and Invitational Meets are under the jurisdiction of the State Administrative Committee. The committee cannot deny a club from hosting these competitions. They can determine if the competitions can be used as qualifying events. It is the responsibility of the SAC to guarantee affordable competitions for the membership.

Meet Directors must receive approval from the SAC to increase the entry fee of a Theme Meet. Documentation should be provided indicating the need to raise the fee.

The State administrative Committee should also set reasonable caps on the gate fees at local and theme qualifying competitions.

	Local	Theme	Invitational
Compulsory / Prep Opt	\$35	\$50	NA
Optional	\$40	\$55	NA
Team Fee	NA	\$25 / optional fee	

Theme Meets must adhere to the following criteria:

- 2 judge panels at Levels 5 – 10
- 1 judge panels are allowed at Prep Opt and Level 1 – 4*
- Medals, trophies, plaques are recommended
- Participation memento for all competitors

****State Committee's are strongly urged to encourage lower entry fees for one judge panels at Theme and Invitational Competitions.***

12. National Congress

The State Chairman workshop is schedule for Wednesday, August 15 from 2:00 -6:30. All SAC's are expected to attend this event. The Women's Program Committee Summit dinner will immediately follow the Workshop.

SACC's are expected to register for National Congress. The state budget covers this expense and every effort should be made to register early. The registration deadline is July 15, 2007.

13. Region 6 Congress

Region 6 Congress is being held August 3 – 5, 2007 at the Boston Marriott Newton, Newton, MA. All members of the Administrative Committee are expected to attend [RJOPCC; REPCC; RTCC; SACC's]. The registration process is being handled by the National Office. The registration fee is waived for SACC's however they must register via FAX or mail. The waiver does not include the banquet. Please send your banquet check [\$50 / person – payable to USA Gymnastics] to Kathy Ostberg's attention. SACC's are also responsible for the banquet ticket/s for their respective award recipients.

SACC's are requested to assist with this important event.

The schedule of events is available on line at www.Region6usag.org . A celebration to kick off National gymnastics Day will take place on Friday – August 3rd [6:00 – 8:00 PM]. Special activities are planned with all proceeds benefiting Children's Miracle Network. USA Gymnastics – Massachusetts is sponsoring this event.

- Transportation via the BeanTown Trolley will be available at 8:00PM to transport interested people to Downtown Boston. Limited seating is available.
- The Congress Celebration and Awards presentation will be held on Saturday, August 4th. The presentation of Service, Athlete Achievement, Coach's Recognition, and Sportswoman of the Year will take place at the celebration. A special award will be presented in honor of Ro Carlucci and Peggy Tiess.
- SACC's will recognize and present the State Service award and State JO Coach of the Year award for their respective states.
- RJOPCC will recognize and present the Region 6 Service Award.

IMPORTANT TIMELINES

July 15	State Service award and photo due JO Coach of the Year Photo to be submitted
July 21	Notify Kathy Ostberg number of additional banquet tickets needed for Congress Celebration.
September	Recommendations for regional assignments are due. Date TBA